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Sir:

In order to comply with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, attached hereto is a copy of Form PTO-1449. References 1-10 were cited in parent application Serial No. 08/683,838 filed July 18, 1996 and grandparent application Serial No. 08/600,908 filed February 13, 1996. Copies were provided to the Examiner. Copies of References Nos. 11-13 are provided herewith.

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In accordance with MPEP Sections 609 and 707.05(b), it is requested that each document cited (including any cited in applicant's specification which is not repeated on the attached Form PTO-1449) be given thorough consideration and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing Form PTO-1449 next to the document. Such initialing is requested even if the Examiner does not consider a cited document to be sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not consider it to be prior art for any reason, or even if the Examiner does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with. This is requested so that each document becomes listed on the face of the patent issuing on the present application.

Since some of the documents were known to the applicant for more than three months before the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, the statutory fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i)(1) is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required in connection with this Petition or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

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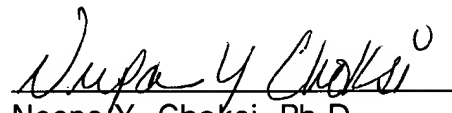
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Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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